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**Social Studies 9 Unit 4 Struggle for Control of N. America**

**4G The War of 1812**

**References:** 

• Cranny, M. (1998) Crossroads: A Meeting of Nations

• **Good website:** [**http://1812.gc.ca/**](http://1812.gc.ca/)

<http://1812.gc.ca/eng/1340393386771>

**Complete the following notes with help from your teacher or text**

1. Identify three of the sources of conflict between Britain and the Americans that led to the War of 1812.

Americans were outraged by the British navy stopping and seizing American vessels, cargoes and crews on the high seas. The British were concerned about the threat that the Americans posed to British North America. The American expansion into the west created conflict with the Native peoples along the American frontier and also alarmed Britain: this could lead to a loss of riches in the fur trade.

2. Explain why the Americans were defeated in the War of 1812, providing three reasons.

In the War of 1812, the Americans were disunited and could not agree on a common war strategy. As a result, American attacks were generally poorly led and coordinated. As well, the British colonists were highly motivated to fight-they were defending their homes and their way of life from the Americans. The British Navy was the strongest in the world and controlled the Atlantic Ocean. It could easily re-supply British forces in North America.

**Read Crossroads Ch. 10, p. 320-323 and answer the following questions**

1. What was the primary reason for the outbreak of the War of 1812?
2. How did Americans react to the outbreak of the War of 1812? Were they in agreement?
3. In the War of 1812, where did the Americans launch their first attacks?
4. What did the Americans hope that settlers in Upper Canada would do?
5. During the War of 1812, who led the British forces in Upper Canada?
6. At what key battle did the British forces in Upper Canada defeat the Americans in the War of 1812?
7. What impact did the War of 1812 have on "Canada?"
8. Who was the Native leader that helped save Canada in the War of 1812?

**Now for some thinking questions…**

1. It is often said that there was no actual "winner" in the War of 1812. By looking at the battles won by each side (you may have to do a little research on the website in “resources”, above) would you agree with this conclusion? Explain.
2. Why would Canadians feel a new sense of pride at the end of the War of 1812?